



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

August 25, 2005

SECRETARY

COMMISSION VOTING RECORD

DECISION ITEM: SECY-05-0146

TITLE: PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF THE OFFICE OF  
NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

The Commission (with all Commissioners agreeing) approved the subject paper as recorded in the Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) of August 25, 2005.

This Record contains a summary of voting on this matter together with the individual vote sheets, views and comments of the Commission.

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Annette L. Vietti-Cook  
Secretary of the Commission

Attachments:

1. Voting Summary
2. Commissioner Vote Sheets

cc: Chairman Diaz  
Commissioner Merrifield  
Commissioner Jaczko  
Commissioner Lyons  
L. Reyes  
K. Cyr

VOTING SUMMARY - SECY-05-0146

RECORDED VOTES

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIP	COMMENTS	DATE
CHRM. DIAZ	X				X	8/16/05
COMR. MERRIFIELD	X				X	8/22/05
COMR. JACZKO	X					8/17/05
COMR. LYONS	X				X	8/18/05

COMMENT RESOLUTION

In their vote sheets, all Commissioners approved the staff's recommendation and some provided additional comments. Subsequently, the comments of the Commission were incorporated into the guidance to staff as reflected in the SRM issued on August 25, 2005.

NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary  
FROM: CHAIRMAN DIAZ  
SUBJECT: **SECY-05-0146 - PROPOSED  
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Approved  with comments *LD* Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
Not Participating \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS:

Attached.

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*Aug 16, 05*  
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Chairman Diaz's Comments on SECY-05-0146

I approve the staff's recommendations in SECY-05-0146 to reorganize the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), implement the reorganization in October 2005, and exceed the staff-to-supervisor ratio of 8.5:1 temporarily during the transition to the final organization.

I commend the staff for looking ahead to future challenges in the area of new plant licensing and recognizing the need to place additional emphasis on the areas of risk-informed regulations, fire protection, and materials engineering and aging management. I believe the reorganization proposed by the staff places appropriate emphasis on these and other important activities performed by NRR. The staff's proposal also provides a sound plan to address the expected growth of NRR in the coming years. The proposed organizational structure should enable the effective management of the high number of new hires that NRR expects by increasing the number of first-line managers. This approach should prove effective in ensuring that new hires are receiving adequate oversight and mentoring for the successful discharge of the agency's responsibilities.

I strongly endorse the staff's proposal and urge the staff to implement the reorganization by October 1, 2005, to start the new fiscal year with NRR organized in a manner that best deals with expected demands.

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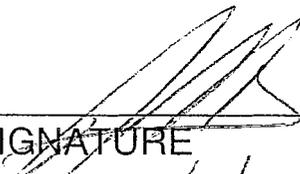
TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary  
FROM: COMMISSIONER MERRIFIELD  
SUBJECT: **SECY-05-0146 - PROPOSED  
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Approved  Disapproved  Abstain

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COMMENTS:

*See attached comments.*

  
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Commissioner Merrifield's Comments on SECY-05-0146

I approve the staff's recommendations to implement the reorganization of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) in October 2005, and the staff-to-supervisor ratio of less than 8.5 to 1 during the transition period. I agree that the new organization will put the staff in a better position to meet the challenges of the expected increasing workload in new reactor licensing activities.

That being said, I would caution the NRR managers at all levels to remember that while the new reactor licensing work is important to ensure that any new reactors built in this country are as safe, if not safer than the current fleet of operating plants, we must not lose sight of the day-to-day business of overseeing the currently operating reactors to ensure they continue to operate safely throughout their operating lives. The next few years will be an interesting time in the history of nuclear power plants in the United States, and I believe that NRR has positioned itself to take on the challenges it may encounter as the next chapter unfolds.



8/23/05

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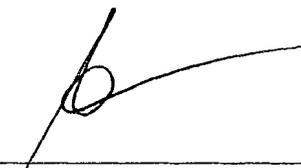
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TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary  
FROM: COMMISSIONER JACZKO  
SUBJECT: **SECY-05-0146 - PROPOSED  
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COMMENTS: *Approved without comment*

  
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NOTATION VOTE

RESPONSE SHEET

TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary

FROM: COMMISSIONER LYONS

SUBJECT: **SECY-05-0146 - PROPOSED  
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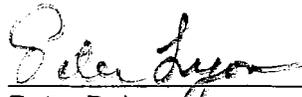
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**Commissioner Lyons' Comments on SECY-05-0146**

I approve staff's recommendations to reorganize the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR), implement the reorganization, after completion of appropriate union interactions, in October 2005, and to not meet the staff-to-supervisor ratio while transitioning to the final organization.

In anticipation of the increase in new reactor licensing, the training and supervision needs of a significant number of new staff, resolution of technical issues, and risk-informed regulatory initiatives, the staff has proposed an organization that should be more effective and efficient in meeting the Agency's future challenges. It is especially important to ensure that new hires have appropriate and ample supervisory oversight, both in their training and work assignments. I commend the staff for these efforts as well as efforts to integrate and incorporate risk initiatives and insights throughout the NRR organization.

  
Peter B. Lyons

8/18/2005

Date